



CLS NEWS

January 9, 2026

Thankful and Blessed! The CLS staff would like to say "Thank You" for all the wonderful Christmas gifts and cards we received from you! Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

We would also like to say a special "Thank You" to those of you who made use of the Giving Tree that was provided by the Lutheran Elementary School Committee in the NSP narthex. We appreciate your donations to our classrooms, which will assist us in enhancing the learning of our students! We are all very blessed by the support we receive from you and how generously you share in our school's ministry.

Parent Conversations from the Dec 2025 issue is in your family envelope!

Kindergarten Open House—January 22nd! You and your student entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 are invited to see what Kindergarten is all about on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30p. Invite a neighbor or friend who might be interested in Christian education! Sibling childcare will be available that night in the Preschool room.

2026-2027 Re-Enrollment Reminder Re-enrollment for the upcoming school year is now open! To re-enroll your student, please log in to your Gradelink account and complete the re-enrollment process. If you have misplaced your Gradelink login information, please contact Mr. Mantz at andrewmantz@christlutheran.us. Please note that students who are not re-enrolled by March 1 may lose their spot to new enrollments. If you are planning not to re-enroll your student for next year, please let Mr. Mantz know as soon as possible.

Introducing Our New Teacher, Mrs. Krueger!

I am Sarah Krueger, and I am the new 4th grade teacher. I also teach art and technology/computers to 5th-8th grade. I grew up all over the United States. I lived in Colorado, Minnesota, Louisiana, California, and Texas before graduating from high school. Because of this, I attended a variety of WELS grade schools, public schools, and even a Baptist school in Louisiana when there was no WELS school within a 2 hour drive. I attended Stony Point High School, a public school in Texas, for all four years of my high school career which was the longest time I attended any one school. From there, I went on to attend Martin Luther College to get degrees in Elementary Education and Secondary Social Studies as well as an emphasis in Communication and Language. I had a wonderful grade school teacher when I lived in California and a couple of high school Social Studies teachers that helped me find my passion for teaching and really pushed me in that direction.

While at Martin Luther College, I met my husband, Seth. We got married after our Junior year in 2015. That was also when we were adopted by our first cat, Poppy. She followed my sister home one day before the wedding and decided that we would be her family. She moved up from Texas with me to live in New Ulm with my husband. We also have a second cat, Bella, that we adopted from a shelter in Milwaukee.

My husband is the new pastor at Divinity Lutheran Church in St Paul. We have a daughter, Avery, who was born in October of 2024, so she is just over a year old. We love taking her to the zoo and children's museum. We also both love to travel and had the opportunity to go to Europe for 5 weeks after graduating from MLC in 2017. I also love to collect antique classic novels, *Pride and Prejudice* being my favorite book, and have a passion for all things Disney. When I was in high school, I ran Cross Country which I still love doing although it is harder and harder to find time to do it. One of my goals this year is to find that time again.



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Coming Up:

- Fri., Jan. 9 End of the Second Quarter
- Fri., Jan. 16 Report Cards Go Home
- Mon., Jan. 19 MLK, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- Thurs., Jan. 22 Kindergarten Open House 6:30p
- Sun., Jan. 25 Grades 5-8 Sing HUGO 10a
- Sat., Jan. 31-Feb 1 B Team Basketball Tournament at West Lutheran High School
- Feb. 6-8 Twin Cities Grade School Basketball Tournament
- Feb. 9-13 Pep Week!

Field Trips:

- ♦ Feb. 20 Gr. 5-8 Afton Alps Ski Trip



Our next CHAPEL on Friday, January 16 will be given by Pastor Gawrisch (New Life Lutheran) and is entitled "God's Lamb." Kailey Xiong will be playing for chapel.

1st Semester Mission: WELS missions in Australia. To date: \$398.20. All visitors welcome (9:25a)!

Sports:

Basketball

Last Game:

December 19th the Cougars faced off against Holy Trinity/Cross of Christ teams. The B girls played two games; the first was against Cross of Christ which ended in a loss of 5 to 36. The second game was a better pairing, but also resulted in a loss of 14-29. The B boys fell in a close match with Holy Trinity, 20-24. The A girls' score was doubled in a loss of 14-28. The A boys secured a very close game, 35-34.



Tonight's Games:

January 9 @ Salem, Stillwater

5:30p B Boys vs. Salem

6:30p B Girls vs. Berea

Upcoming Games:

January 10 @ St. John's Corcoran

10a B Girls, 11a B Boys, 12p A Girls, 1p A Boys

This Week at CLS

Happy New Year! CLS is back in session after a wonderful break to celebrate Jesus' birth! This week was band and basketball, a fire drill, Friday chapel, the end of the second quarter and a big welcome to Mrs. Sarah Krueger, our new part-time fourth grade teacher plus art and technology 5-8! Meanwhile, down the hall...

The wise men, Simeon and Anna meet Jesus, arctic animal fun facts, polar bear art (preschool); the wise men, Simeon and Anna, Snowmen at Night (K);

place value, digits, is vs. are, commas in dates, Magna-tile marble maze races (1);

stories about space and the night sky, combining/ rearranging sentences, writing f and k in cursive (2); order of operations, the Southwest states, music of the Andes (3-4);

ancient China, natural resources, Rules by Cynthia Lord (5-6); praising God with our life in Bible study, potential energy in Science, Literature stories about conflicts in Ireland and South Africa (7-8); children's Christmas service critiques and quarter terms quiz (Music 5-8)!

Thank you for your support of Christian education!

January 17 @ Bloomington/Living Hope

11a B Girls vs. Trinity, Waconia

12p B Boys vs. Trinity, Waconia

Both teams will play 2 games

January 17 @ Salem, Greenfield

11a A Boys vs. Holy Trinity (there will be a second game)

GO COUGARS!

SAVE THESE DATES!

Keep these events in mind as you fill out your 2026 calendar!

Saturday, March 21, 2-5p

Family Bowling Day
(Sun Ray Lanes)

Sunday, May 17 CLS Family MN
Twins Game

Saturday, July 25 CLS Golf Classic



KIX (Kids In Christ) continues every Sunday at both the NSP and Hugo campuses

Children from Kindergarten to 6th grade in NSP and age 4-grade 5 in Hugo are welcome to attend after worship. See you there!

Christ Lutheran Church Worship Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30a in NSP

2475 17th Ave. E., NSP

10a in Hugo

4790 Rosemary Way, Hugo, MN 55038

Monday: 7p in NSP



Join Us in Praising Our LORD!